



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer No: 20277

Yoshinori YAMAMOTO, et al.

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Serial No.: 10/717,202

Group Art Unit: 2874

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Examiner: To be Assigned

For: OPTICAL FIBER, DISPERSION COMPENSATOR, OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE

AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: